BOOK NOTES

INDEX-CATALOGUE OF THE LIBRARY OF THE SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE, U. S. ARMY (ARMY MEDICAL LIBRARY). Fourth Series, Vol. 3, Washington, 1938.

This volume contains as a supplement, preceding the regular text, an extraordinary list of *Congresses* of value to medical libraries. 261 pages are given up to the listing of the publications of congresses and like assemblages on 1739 subjects, arranged alphabetically from Abortion to Zoology. A comprehensive subject, word and title index completes the list. Col. Jones, the librarian, is to be congratulated upon the compilation and publication of this valuable reference work.

BIOGRAPHY OF THE UNBORN. Margaret Shea Gilbert. 132 p. 8°. Baltimore: Williams and Wilkins, 1938. \$1.75.

This book, written for the lay reader is so well and accurately done that all students of biology will find an adequate presentation of an admittedly difficult subject. The style is smooth, and flavored with a touch of humor, reminiscent of Oliver Wendell Holmes. The book deserves a wide circulation and should be read by every medical and reference librarian. It received the award of \$1000, in 1937, offered by the Williams and Wilkins Company for the best manuscript on a science subject for general reading.

INDEX MÉDICO-PHARMACEUTIQUE. N. T. Deleanu, René Febre, L. Coniver. 756 p. 8°. Paris: Masson et Cie, 1937. 150 frs.

A book for the reference librarian, having a valuable list of 488 pages of therapeutic agents, arranged alphabetically, and giving the chemical formulae, synonyms, physical and chemical properties and therapeutic data.

Das Amerikanische Buchwesen. Von Hellmut Lehmann-Haupt, unter Mitarbeit von Ruth S. Granniss und Lawrence C. Wroth. 386 p. 8°. Leipzig: Karl W. Hiersemann, 1937. For U.S.A. Reichsmark 12.

The German house of Karl Hiersemann is to be complimented on publishing this comprehensive work on the history of book production and book col-